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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Soviet ASAT Capabilities for
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

25X1 1. On 10 May 1984, the Senate Foreign Relations
25X1 Committee was briefed on Soviet ASAT capabilities and the
Intelligence Community's ability to monitor an ASAT arms
control agreement. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
briefers were Larry Gershwin, National Intelligence Officer
for Strategic Programs; [] Chief, Arms Control
Intelligence Staff, Deputy Directorate for Intelligence
(DDI); and [] Chief, Satellite Technical
Analysis Branch, Space Systems Division, Office of
Scientific and Weapons Research, DDI. Present from the
Committee were:

Larry Pressler, (R., SD), Presiding
Claiborne Pell (D., RI)
Edward Zorinsky (D., NE)
Frank H. Murkowski (R., AK).

25X1 Sen Biden appeared briefly at the end of the briefing. Also
attending were Kent G. Stansbury, Department of Defense
(DoD), and Chris Lay, John-Egan MacAtarr, and Vigtor Teplity
from Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA). Twelve
Committee staffers attended, including Alex Glicksman who
organized the secret-level briefing. A transcript was
taken. []

25X1 2. The briefing continues a series of briefings
conducted and/or supported by DoD, State, ACDA and CIA on
ASAT/Space Arms Control Policy following submission of the
Administration's Report to Congress on 31 March 1984. The
briefing today, however, was limited to an intelligence
assessment and did not address the Administration's ASAT
policy proposal. []

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25X1 3. Dr. Gershwin provided a 50-minute exposition of the Soviet space program and its anti-satellite applications, adhering to the Intelligence Community's findings in [redacted]

25X1 He described current Soviet space capabilities, the development of various systems, and likely advances over the next decade. Included in the presentation were references to the various uses of Soviet satellites, the development of an ASAT orbited interceptor, ground-based test lasers and the technological capability to conduct electronic warfare against space systems. Dr. Gershwin indicated that Soviet space expenditures will likely continue at high levels leading to further military applications. [redacted]

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